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counties that are somewhat similar into the same district and with the rotation from counties it means that the commissioners are not always going to be from the same county, which I think is a step forward. So I'm going to support this amendment and hope the rest of you will too. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, members of the body, I want to, again, stand up in strong opposition of having an eighth commissioner because I just don't think it fits my area like I think it should. And I didn't...wasn't really strong on the five members but I thought it was a compromise that we could have worked out something because it really makes my district area out there bigger yet far as them covering it all. But I think that what we really got to think about here, you know, when the commissioners meet, if you have the odd number you do have an up or down vote on things, and I think that hasn't been mentioned enough here on it, because I think that's really important. And I, of course, I...like I keep a saying that District 6 has got a lot of streams and wildlife and resources that they need to look after out there, so that's what I'm really concerned about. I think that what we think about, you know, this come back every year and every year to try to add more commissioners all the time and we had...actually, the eight commissioners was on LB 1003 when it came to the hearing in the committee and we, as a committee, five of us in the committee, voted to take it out. There's only one person in the committee that's voted to say let's leave that in and send it out on the floor with it in. So the vote was pretty obvious that the committee did not want to support bringing it out on the floor. And I think...I really appreciate Senator Schrock's amendment that he did get on it earlier, especially if we do go to the eight, but I sure hope that we can vote that down and not go to it. I could give you some more experiences out in my district because my district and Senator Wickersham district are pretty well down on the Game and Parks. They got a lot of beef on them seems like every time I talk to him about Game and Parks, Game and Parks. And then, on top of it, we've got the Cowboy Trail going clear through my district and they're complaining about that all the time, and that's under Game and Parks' control too.